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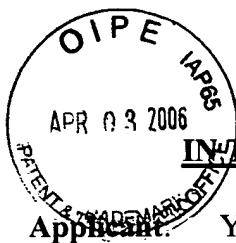
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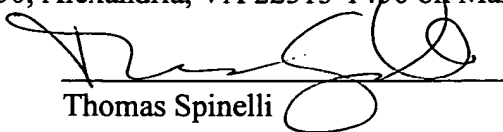
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-076254, dated March 23, 1999, together with English language Abstract.

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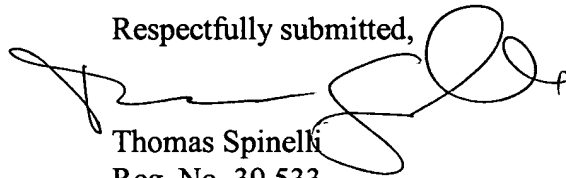
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The reference was cited in an Office Action dated February 28, 2006 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference, together with a copy of the Office Action. Please note the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, United States Patent No. 5,759,154, issued to Hoyns, dated June 2, 1998, was previously submitted in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated May 24, 2004. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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